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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 17 March 2003 for the above patent application.

Claims 17 - 31, 33 - 67, and 69 - 88 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Litwin et al. ("Litwin"), U.S. Patent 6,100,770. Claims 32 and 68 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious based on Litwin in view of Misu et al. ("Misu"), Japanese Patent Publication 7-226643. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As a preliminary matter, Claims 33 - 37 and 70 rejected on the basis of Litwin all depend from independent Claim 32 rejected on the basis of Litwin and Misu. Inasmuch as dependent Claims 33 - 37 and 70 include all the limitations of Claim 32, Applicant's Attorney does not understand how Claims 33 - 37 and 70 can be rejected solely on the basis of Litwin. Accordingly, Applicant's Attorney assumes that the Examiner intended to reject Claims 33 - 37 and 70 as obvious based on Litwin and Misu.

Reasons were presented in the amendment submitted 19 December 2002 as to why Claims 17 - 31, 38 - 67, 69, and 71 - 88 are patentable over Litwin. Nothing in the present Office Action shows why any of those reasons is wrong or why any of Claims 17 - 31,

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